

degenerate coding sequences thereof." In view of this amendment to the claims, Applicants submit that this rejection has now been rendered moot and should be withdrawn. Applicants submit that the claims are sufficiently enabled and that this rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. If any additional fees are incurred as a result of the filing of this paper, authorization is given to charge Deposit Account NO. 23-0785.

Respectfully submitted,

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21. (Twice Amended). A test kit useful for detecting a target polynucleotide in a test sample, comprising:

a container containing at least one reagent polynucleotide having a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, and complete complements of SEQ ID NO:2 [and degenerate coding sequences thereof].

23. (Twice Amended). A purified polynucleotide having a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

SEQ ID NO:2, and complete complements of SEQ ID NO:2 [and degenerate coding sequences thereof].

27. (Twice Amended). A recombinant expression system comprising a nucleic acid sequence that includes an open reading frame operably linked to a control sequence compatible with a desired host, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is selected from the group consisting of:

SEQ ID NO:2, and complete complements of SEQ ID NO:2 [and degenerate coding sequences thereof].

29. (Twice Amended). A cell transfected with a nucleic acid sequence encoding at least one epitope, the nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

SEQ ID NO:2, and complete complements of SEQ ID NO:2 [and degenerate coding sequences thereof].

30. (Twice Amended). A composition of matter comprising a purified polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

SEQ ID NO:2, and complete complements of SEQ ID NO:2 [and degenerate coding sequences thereof].